

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 8-10, 14, 17, 18, 21, 23 and 24 as indicated among the following complete set of pending claims:

1. (Currently amended) A hold down device for holding down a flexible discharge hose comprising:  
a container comprising a top portion, a bottom portion, a front end and a rear end;  
feet coupled to the bottom portion of the container;  
a handle for carrying the hold down device; and  
a hose recess comprising a right wall, a left wall, an upper wall, and an opening on the front end of the container, the hose recess extending from the front end to the rear end of the container and receiving ~~configured to receive~~ a discharge hose between the right wall, left wall, upper wall, and a ground surface, the container adapted to hold down the discharge hose during draining.
2. (Original) The hold down device of claim 1, wherein the container is hollow and configured to be filled and emptied with a filling material for varying the weight of the hold down device.
3. (Original) The container of claim 2, wherein the container is a solid material of a sufficient weight for holding down the discharge hose during draining.
4. (Original) The hold down device of claim 1, wherein the container is configured to vertically stack at least two containers for added weight to hold down the discharge hose and to be stored by wrapping the discharge hose around the container.

5. (Original) The hold down device of claim 1, wherein the handle is integral with the top portion of the container and configured to allow the discharge hose to wrap around the handle for storing the hold down device.

6. (Original) The hold down device of claim 1, wherein the hose recess is further configured to have a rear wall, the recess configured to receive the discharge hose between the right wall, left wall, upper wall and rear wall.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) The hold down device of claim 1, further comprising a fill hole on the top portion of the container for filling and emptying the container with a filling material, a plug removably coupled to the fill hole for retaining the fill material within the container, ~~and feet coupled to the bottom portion of the container.~~

9. (Currently amended) The hold down device of claim 8, wherein the feet are each a circular molded relief protruding from ~~the~~ a bottom portion of the container and configured to rest over a splash ring coupled to a sewer fitting and rest on a ground surface.

10. (Currently amended) A hold down device for holding down a flexible discharge hose comprising:

a container comprising a top portion, a bottom portion, a front end and a rear end;

a handle for carrying the hold down device;

feet coupled to the bottom portion of the container; and

a hose recess comprising a right wall, a left wall, an upper wall, a rear wall, and an opening on the front end of the container, the hose recess extending from the front end up to the rear end of the container to form the rear wall and ~~receiving configured to receive~~ a discharge hose and a sewer fitting between the right wall, left wall, upper wall, rear wall, and a ground surface the bottom portion of the container rests on for holding down of the discharge hose during draining.

11. (Original) The hold down device of claim 10, wherein the container is hollow and configured to be filled and emptied with a filling material for varying the weight of the hold down device.

12. (Original) The container of claim 11, wherein the container is a solid material of a sufficient weight for holding down the discharge hose during draining.

13. (Original) The hold down device of claim 10, wherein the container is configured to vertically stack at least containers for added weight to hold down the discharge hose.

14. (Currently amended) The hold down device of claim 10, wherein the handle is integral with the top portion of the container and configured to allow the a discharge hose to wrap around the handle for storing the hold down device.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) The hold down device of claim 10, further comprising a fill hole on the top portion of the container for filling and emptying the container with a filling material and a plug removably coupled to the fill hole for retaining the fill material within the container.

17. (Currently amended) The hold down device of claim 10, wherein the feet are each a circular molded relief protruding from the a bottom portion of the container and configured to rest over a splash ring coupled to the a sewer fitting coupled to an end portion of the a discharge hose and rest on the a ground surface.

18. (Currently amended) A hold down device for holding down a flexible discharge hose comprising:

a container comprising a top portion, a bottom portion, a front end, and a rear end

wherein the container is hollow for filling and emptying the container with a filling material to vary the weight of the hold down device;

a handle for carrying the hold down device;

feet coupled to the bottom portion of the container;

a fill hole on the top portion of the container for filling and emptying the container with a filling material;

a plug removably coupled to the fill hole for retaining the fill material within the container; and

a hose recess comprising a right wall, a left wall, an upper wall, a rear wall, and an opening on the front end of the container, the hose recess extending from the front end up to the rear end of the container to form the rear wall and ~~receiving configured to receive~~ a discharge hose and a sewer fitting between the right wall, left wall, upper wall, rear wall, and a ground surface the bottom portion of the container rests on for holding down of the discharge hose during draining.

19. (Original) The container of claim 18, wherein the container is a solid material of a sufficient weight for holding down the discharge hose during draining.

20. (Original) The hold down device of claim 18, wherein the container is configured to vertically stack at least two containers for added weight to hold down the discharge hose.

21. (Currently amended) The hold down device of claim 18, wherein the handle is integral with the top portion of the container and configured to allow the a discharge hose to wrap around the handle for storing the hold down device.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) The hold down device of claim 18, wherein the feet are each a circular molded relief protruding from the a bottom portion of the container and configured to rest over a splash ring coupled to the a sewer fitting coupled to an end portion of a discharge hose and rest on a the ground surface

24. (Currently amended) The hold down device of claim 1, ~~further comprising feet coupled to the bottom portion of the container and~~ wherein the feet are integral with the hose recess.

25. (Previously presented) The hold down device of claim 10, wherein the feet are integral with the hose recess.